

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A footrest plate having a footrest side and a rear side opposite to said footrest side, said rear side being provided with clips to be fixedly received in corresponding mounting holes formed in a workpiece ~~such as a vehicle body,~~

wherein said clips are composed of a pair of first and second clips to be insertably received into a pair of corresponding first and second mounting holes formed in said workpiece with leaving a certain distance therebetween, each of said first and second clips having a rectangular cross-sectional insertion portion insertable into the corresponding one of said first and second mounting holes, each of which are formed in a rectangular shape;

the rectangular cross-sectional insertion portion of said first clip includes a pair of longitudinal sides each of which extends in ~~the~~ a longitudinal direction of said footrest plate and has a length shorter than that of each longitudinal side of said first mounting hole by a first clearance, and a pair of lateral sides each of which extends in ~~the~~ a lateral direction perpendicularly to the longitudinal direction of said footrest plate and has a length substantially equal to or slightly shorter than that of each lateral side of said first mounting hole; and

the rectangular cross-sectional insertion portion of said second clip includes a pair of longitudinal sides each of which extends in said longitudinal direction and has a length substantially equal to or slightly shorter than that of each longitudinal side of said second mounting hole, and a pair of lateral sides each of which extends in said lateral direction and has a length shorter than that of each lateral side of said second mounting hole by a second clearance.

2. (original) A footrest plate as defined in claim 1, wherein said first and second clips are provided on said rear side of said footrest plate with leaving a first distance therebetween in said longitudinal direction and with leaving a second distance

therebetween in said lateral direction, in alignment with said corresponding first and second mounting holes of said workpiece.

3. (currently amended) A footrest plate as defined in claim 2, wherein said first clearance is arranged to compensate a misalignment of said first clip relative to said first mounting hole caused by a tolerance of said first distance, and said second clearance is arranged to compensate a misalignment of said second clip relative to said second mounting hole caused by a tolerance of said second distance.